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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of Defense Brown
and Deputy Secretary of Defense Duncan,
18 November 1977

1. Secretary Brown suggested that as OMB sends us their budget issue papers, we might consult with Dinneen and Murphy to be sure that our responses are factually accurate. Send word to John McMahon that I think we should send copies of all budget issue papers to Dinneen and Murphy. I would be happy to receive their suggestions for response, but of course maintain our own independent position in doing it if necessary.

2. The Secretary said that the CIA work on drafting our own charters to be sent to the Senate Select Committee to compare with their charters is falling behind. Also, there was the implication that the IC Staff is not really taking the leadership in bringing the community together on this charters question. Need a status report from Tony and John on what we are doing here.

3. Secretary Brown asked me for the post mortem report on the Kalahari incident. I told him it was on my desk; that I had not gotten to it.

4. The Secretary said that within the last three weeks CIA sent a response to Congress about [] in which they mentioned some DOD components. He requests that they be informed when we are doing this, and promised reciprocal consideration. I'd like to find out what we did send over and respond back to him on this particular incident. We certainly should at least give them a copy, if not consult with them, if we are going to mention the involvement of a Defense agency.

5. I raised the question of GAO access to the NRP. We agreed to take a position that we should only respond to requests that are generated by the two Select Committees or the two Appropriations Committees which have oversight and budgetary responsibilities between them for the intelligence community. We should make the case

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6. I discussed the issues to discontinue the [redacted] 25X1
Neither one of us really understands what this is all about since the [redacted]. The only problem would be if somehow knowledge of continuation of this activity led to acrimony between the two countries, and that seems rather improbable. We came to no conclusion here but I suggested we wait and see if the Ambassadors really do persist in making an issue of it.

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